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May 3, 2006

To:

Mayor Michael D. Antonovich

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From:

David E. Janssen

Chief Administrative Office

REPORT ON CONSOLIDATED DAT BASE TO CHECK FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE **FRAUD** 

On March 21, 2006, Supervisor Antonovich requested that my office convene a taskforce with members from the Community Development Commission, the Departments of Children and Family Services, Child Support Services, District Attorney, Public Social Services, County Counsel, the Chief Information Office and the Auditor-Controller to develop a consolidated database to check for public assistance fraud and report back to your Board with a means to fund such a database.

On April 20, 2006 my staff convened a meeting consisting of representatives from each department mentioned above to discuss methods for developing a database to check for public assistance fraud. At this meeting, County Counsel identified several legal issues related to data sharing between participants and data confidentiality that must be researched and resolved before this project can move forward.

While data sharing and confidentiality issues are being addressed, the taskforce will meet on a monthly basis to identify and address technical issues associated with developing a shared database from multiple disparate data sources. This will allow a solution that can be designed and developed assuming there are no legal issues preventing us from moving forward. Once the research has been completed, my office will report its findings back to your Board with a potential funding stream.

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If you have any questions you may contact me, or have your staff contact James Blunt of my staff at (213) 893-2291.

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